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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3019

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNING ARMS EXPORTS

REF: STATE 028053

1. COSTA RICA IS NEITHER A MANUFACTURER NOR AN EXPORTER OF ARMS. (TRADE STATISTICS FOR 1974 INDICATE NO ARMS OF ANY TYPE WERE EXPORTED).

2. AS IN CASE OF IMPORTS, GOCR REGULATIONS ON EXPORT OF ARMS, MUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES REQUIRE PERMIT FROM MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY. PERMIT MUST BE PRESENTED TO COSTA RICAN CUSTOMS TO SECURE AUTHORIZATION TO EXPORT MATERIAL.

3. EVALUATION OF CONTROL SYSTEM DIFFICULT IN VIEW ABSENCE OF LOCAL DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONSEQUENT LACK OF ARMS SHIPMENTS. WE SUSPECT ISSUANCE OF EXPORT PERMITS IS LIMITED TO NON-MILITARY SPORTING WEAPONS PURCHASED LOCALLY BY NON-RESIDENT INDIVIDUALS.

4. ONE ASPECT OF GOCR PRACTICE WHICH MAY BE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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INTEREST IN VIEW OF U.S. REGULATORY SYSTEM IS

THAT APPLICANT FOR PERMIT TO EXPORT ARMS FROM
COSTA RICA IS NOT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT PROOF OF
PERMISSION TO IMPORT FROM COUNTRY OF DESTINATION,
NOR IS THERE ANY CONTROL ATTEMPTED WITH REGARD
TO SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER TO THIRD COUNTRIES.
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